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Ousted officials' conduct threatens funds

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Staff Writer

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Missing funds, incomplete reports, inaccurate and faulty records and a failure of generally accepted accounting practices have prompted both the state and federal government to take punitive and costly action against Plymouth Township.

State treasury officials are still waiting for the 2015 Plymouth Township General Audit due last June and have withheld the August and October payments to the township totaling $24,285 due to the failure of the municipality to submit the required report.

Officials from the federal Drug Forfeiture Funding program recently informed Police Chief Tom Tiderington that the office had "no choice but to extinguish" Plymouth Township from that program due to the failure of the municipality to provide sufficient records and financial documents from the office of the clerk and treasurer. That action could cost the township nearly $1 million in pending and future funding, according to township auditors.

Those federal funds were the subject of an August 2015 12-day audit by the Department of Justice which determined multiple failures and non-compliance by 20-year Treasurer Ron Edwards, who was recently ousted by voters. The auditors required Edwards to supply specific information regarding the use of $1.9 million in revenue received by the township police department between Jan, 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2014.

Multiple problems were cited by the federal auditors including the failure of funding to be deposited in correct accounts and unreconciled bank statements. According to Tiderington, the auditors found that the federal funds were being used to pay for township expenses not related to law enforcement activities, including the Fourth of July picnic in the township.

Edwards and former Supervisor Shannon Price, also recently defeated for re-election, signed a settlement agreement with federal authorities agreeing to correct multiple accounting and use errors. Those steps and the necessary accounting for the drug forfeiture funds have not been completed or submitted, according to a spokesman from the federal department.

The multiple problems,

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23rd Annual County Lightfest now open

The 23rd Annual Wayne County Lightfest officially opened last week with a fireworks display, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa.

The official opening of the event, which is the largest holiday light show in the Midwest, took place at the Merriman Hollow section off Edward Hines Drive. This year, the display features more than 50 animated, themed lighted, displays and more than 100,000 lights.

Santa's Workshop will be open this year until Dec. 23 in Warrendale Park where families can visit with Santa or drop a letter in the giant mailbox. This year, Toy Nights, when visitors can donate a new, unwrapped toy as admission to the display, are planned for Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

The Lightfest display will be open from 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday until Dec. 31. The display is closed on Christmas Day. Admission is $5 per vehicle. The display begins at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and visitors will exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. Hines Drive closes to traffic to accommodate visitors to the display.

Northville Public Safety Director to retire

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Staff Writer

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth will retire next month after a 32-year career in public safety.

Werth, 54, was hired by the Northville Township Police Department as a patrol officer in 1985 after his graduation from Jackson Community College Police Academy. Werth followed in the footsteps of his father who served as a police officer in Detroit.

Werth was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1993, detective sergeant in 1996, road patrol supervisor in 1996, and was named police chief in 2001.

During his career in the department, Werth held various assignments working in conjunction with the Michigan State Police- -Western Wayne Narcotics and Auto Theft units.

In 2007 Werth assumed the responsibility for supervisor of both the police and fire departments when he was named Northville Township Director of Public Safety.

Werth holds a masters degree in Interdisciplinary Technology from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelors degree in Policy Studies-Criminal Justice from Syracuse University where he attended on an athletic football scholarship.

Werth is past president of the Southeast Chiefs of Police Association, the Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association as well as a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association Chiefs of Police. He also served as chair of the MMRM Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

"I have no regrets," Werth said last week, Deputy Director of Police Todd Mutchler, will replace him as director of public safety in the township.

"I just don't know if I'd enter the same profession again if I had to do it all over again. Considering the recent events taking place around the country that have caused unprecedented scrutiny of the police profession and how we conduct business, I just don't know," he said.

Werth said he might be interested in becoming involved in the law enforcement accreditation program sometime in the future, but for now he said he is going to spend some time relaxing with his, wife, Nancy, two daughters, Meagan and Jessica, in Plymouth Township where he's been a resident since 2001. He also said he will spend more time with his brother.

Public Safety Director John Werth

Werth will be honored in a special public ceremony during Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting Dec. 15 when the township police department celebrates its 50th anniversary.

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Inkster - Plymouth

Teachers aide enters plea in sex charge

The 41-year-old woman accused of having sexual relations with two 15-year-old students at the Plymouth middle school where she was a teachers aide has entered a no contest plea to the criminal charges.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill is scheduled to sentence Bridget Diane Caplin in January on the charges. The judge allowed her no contest plea to charges of distributing obscene material to children and using a computer to commit a crime. She faces up to four years in prison or a minimum sentence of probation.

The most serious charge leveled against Caplin, who was fired from her job at East Middle School following the police investigation, was dropped by prosecutors when the 15-year-old victim refused to testify against her. That charge, third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person 13-15 years of age, carried a possible 15-year prison sentence upon conviction.

The investigation into the sexual misconduct began last May, according to police reports, when an anonymous report was received through a tip line. Police obtained warrants for searches of online data and determined that the incidents did take place, one in a church parking lot. Caplin is reportedly the mother of friends of one of the victims and in addition to the online tip, police allegedly received information from one of the victim's fathers who found obscene photos of Caplin on his son's phone.

No sentencing date had been announced by the court at press time.

Inkster man is youngest state representative

Jewell Jones, a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, made political history for a second time Nov. 8 when he was overwhelmingly elected to serve as the State Representative from the 11th District.

Jones was the youngest person to serve on the Inkster City Council when last year at age 20 he was sworn in as the councilman from District 4. During the Nov. 8 election, he defeated Republican challenger Robert Pope for the seat when he garnered 66 percent of the vote. Jones received 22,574 votes to the 11, 563 cast for Pope.

Jones, a lifelong Inkster resident, is a full-time student with a double major in political science and finance.

"You and I made history, once again," Jones wrote to his supporters on Nov. 9 in an Instagram post. "I'm looking forward to serving you all in a greater capacity."

The 11th State House District covers part of the city of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, part of Livonia and part of Westland.

Jones said he began dabbling in local politics when he was about 8 years old.

"My parents would drag me around to different things in the community. I was very involved in my church," Jones said. "Serving the people in this capacity has always been pretty natural for me."

In the past few years, he has been even more active and helped out on political campaigns for Michigan State Sen. David Knezek (D) and former Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton.

Jones is involved with several on-campus organizations at U of M - including the Army ROTC, Black Student Union and Student Veterans Association.

Jones plans to graduate in the spring of 2017.

Jewell Jones

Revenue

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including the missing funds, came to light last week when auditors from Plante Moran were invited to the board of trustees meeting by Price to address the status of both the Department of Justice (DOJ) and state general audit. Plante Moran auditor Joe Heffernan told the board members he suspected the federal authorities might have already stopped revenue sharing with the township because of six unresolved DOJ items totaling $83,397.67.

In response to Heffernan's announcement, members of the township board unanimously approved a resolution to transfer $83,397.67, an amount that Edwards claimed was sitting in the General Fund, to the drug forfeiture fund.

The trustees refused, however, to send a letter prepared by defeated Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman to the DOJ alleging the township had corrected the deficiencies and was now in compliance with the accounting regulations for drug forfeiture funds. Conzelman was insistent the board members review the letter which directly contradicted reports from the DOJ regarding the current status of the township reporting and accounting procedures.

Listed as presenters of the letter were Heffernan and Cindy Kushner, "Plymouth Township Director of Accounting and Financial Reporting."

Kushner was not present at the meeting. Heffernan, however, said he was unwilling to endorse the prepared letter to the DOJ noting that there were still missing items such as bank statements and general ledger records relating to the drug forfeiture funds. Heffernan commented, "I don't feel comfortable until I see the big picture--bank statements, general ledger.

"I'm not suggesting what you should or should not do-that's up to your judgment…I'm not here to tell you which way to deal with this thing."

Board members rejected sending the letter by a 4-2 vote with only Conzelman and Edwards supporting the motion.

Tiderington said that the problem is not only with the federal funds. He said that $140,000 in state forfeiture funds were missing and unaccounted for. He said the checks were delivered to Edwards' office and that two state checks totaling $72,000 were delivered to Edwards by Price but never accounted for by the office of the clerk, who keeps the banking records. He said Edwards' practice of having bank statements sent to an off-site post office box was also of concern.

Tiderington said he felt compelled to report Edwards and the other officials to the Office of the Inspector General, "because the funds were being spent inappropriately." At that time, Conzelman publicly claimed that she had called in the DOJ for "help" in the matter, and described the audit-investigation as "training," a statement now denied by a federal official.

"There was $100,000 missing for over four years from the drug forfeiture account," Tiderington said.

The police chief said he thought the auditors from Plante Moran were requested to appear at the meeting last Tuesday after he notified Price that the sharing of more than $5 million in seized assets would be lost.

Tiderington said he's tried to bridge the stalemate between township officials and the DOJ, noting the threat of having the police department drug forfeiture funding cut would punish the police department, an entity he sought to protect by calling for the federal audit.

"I called the DOJ and said if they wanted to 'extinguish' us from the program for non-compliance it would be the police department who's getting punished." He said he asked DOJ investigator for cooperation and reached an agreement to allow the township until Nov. 28 to comply.

Tiderington said the transfer of the funding last week by the board could allow Plymouth to remain in the program.

"The mishandling of these funds, as well as the missing state forfeiture funds, has precluded the police department from accessing these funds to purchase much-needed equipment such as bullet-proof vests and police vehicles," he said.

Tiderington said that he intends to provide the new board, sworn into office this week, with a comprehensive report as well as the investigative file.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

City, school district work to 'Stuff The Bus'

Romulus Community Schools and the City of Romulus have joined forces to help multiple area charities and organizations for the holidays with a "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

Donations for Stuff the Bus will be accepted from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 in the Romulus City Hall parking lot, 11111 Wayne Road. People dropping off their contributions will be greeted by a volunteer who will load their donations onto the bus.

"We hope that by accepting all organizations and donations together will bring greater awareness for all of those needs during the holiday season," said Tanya Cofield, Romulus recreation coordinator and creator of the "Stuff the Bus" initiative.

The bus will also be accepting donations for the final evening at the official city Christmas Tree Lighting event from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. at the downtown Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

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Items needed and being accepted to help Stuff the Bus include:

Romulus Goodfellows: Monetary donations.

Romulus Helping Hand: Non-perishable food items, canned goods, cured meats.

Romulus Animal Shelter: Cat litter, dry dog and cat food, old blankets/towels.

Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee: toiletries, gently used winter clothing, blankets, hats, gloves, etc.

Romulus Senior Center: Adult underwear/briefs, gently used medical equipment including walkers and shower chairs and new bandages and other medical supplies.

Romulus Students in Need: Gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, new undergarments, socks and toiletries.

Monetary donations for all groups are also accepted. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Half of Romulus voters cast ballots Nov. 8

More than half of Romulus voters turned out to cast their ballots on Election Day to choose officials at the local, state and federal level.

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg said 11,121 people voted last Tuesday, or about 57 percent of registered voters.

"Everyone came together to help us out," she said. "It was a very busy time."

Buoyed by more than 5,500 straight party ticket voters, Hillary Clinton easily won in the city with about 7,500 votes, good for about 68 percent of votes cast in that race. Romulus voters also helped return John Conyers (7,272 votes) and Erika Geiss (7,923) to office.

In the school board race, Danielle Funderburg (4,849) retained her seat while Robert McLachlan (4,067) and Debi Pyles (3,999) won seats.

> *We are aware of some of those concerns that voters had and we don't take it lightly for those wait times.*

"I am humbled to have won the support of Romulus, Inkster, and Westland voters to rejoin the Romulus Board of Education," McLachlan posted on Facebook. "In the coming weeks and months, you will see the ideas that I have for strengthening the position of our district, both financially and from a curricular point of view. There will need to be some courageous, challenging discussions as we move forward, and I'm ready to do my part."

Craig Bragg said the heavy voter turn out-particularly in precincts that normally see a lot of voter activity-led to some long lines. In traditionally busy precincts, some voters had to wait more than an hour to cast their ballots. She said hoped to correct that issue in the future.

"We are aware of some of those concerns that voters had and we don't take it lightly for those wait times. We are reassessing what went right, what went wrong, what didn't work," she said during a regular meeting of the Romulus City Council members last week.

"We're working on correcting that so, going forward, every voter will have a positive experience," she said.

Goodfellows' help available

Applications for holiday help from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows are now available at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.

The forms will also be available online at the Van Buren Township website, www.vanburen-mi.org and are printable.

All applications must be submitted in person before 3 p.m. Dec. 2.

Residents of the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township are eligible for the program. Sumpter Township residents can apply for help through the Goodfellows organization in that community.

Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or state identification card will be required during in-person applications. A current utility bill will also be accepted as proof of residency if it contains the name and address of the applicant or family. Applications must be submitted in person and no mailed or emailed applications will be accepted.

For more information contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8934 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mayors' Ball tickets on sale

The fourth annual Mayors' Ball is planned for 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

The event, hosted by Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club and include dancing, food, refreshments and silent and live auctions.

The event is an annual benefit for the Romulus and Belleville Boys and Girls clubs.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 5 and the dinner and auctions are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $100 per person and must be purchased in advance. The donation includes dinner an open bar and entertainment.

For tickets, contact Rob McLachlan at (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Barbara Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-440 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 24, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-441 2B. Moved by **Crout**, seconded by **Makowski** to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on October 24, 2016; 6:00 p.m. closed session, Pending Legal Matters; 6:30 p.m. public hearing, FCA US LLC request for IFTE Certificate; 6:45 p.m. public hearing, Daehan Solutions Georgia LLC, request industrial development district; 7:00 p.m. public hearing, Yapp USA Automotive Systems, request to transfer IFTE Certificate; 7:15 p.m. public hearing, Yapp USA Automotive Systems, request for new IFTE Certificate. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a proclamation to the family of the late Leonard Earl Campbell.Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, spoke about the recognition the City received from the U of M Economic Development Program – 5 Star award for economic development and 4 star for best practice award. Dennis Davidson announced the winners of the Scarecrow Contest: first place, Dave's & Co. Barber Shop; second place, Fluff and Puff; and third place, Family Dental.
16-442 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and award RFP 16/17-04, 36542 Goddard Road Façade Improvements – CDBG Contract 15-24-14 to R. J. Perry Carpentry, Inc. in the amount of $63,654.00 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-443 5A1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and approve no-fee permits for any permits associated with the construction of the facade and any code violations that may be present. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-444 5B. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a purchase agreement for the property located at 36100 Bibbins with a purchase price of $95,000 plus closing costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-445 5C. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into a one-year commercial lease agreement with West Shore Fire, Inc., agreement to expire November 30, 2017, for the use of Fire Station #1 (37230 Northline Road). **Motion Carried**.
16-446 5D. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve payment for a quote from R. L. Evans Electric, Inc. in the amount of $11,595.00 to repair master meter hot boxes containing the water meters for the airport. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-447 5E. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of William Crane, Terrell Bird, Lucinda Rhoton, Mark Lewkowicz, Virgil Varner, Gerald Wendland, and Sheldon Chandler to the Historical Commission with terms to expire on December 29, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-448 5F. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to introduce Budget Amendment 16/17-13 to adjust FY 16/17 Budget for expenditure amounts not accounted for in FY 15/16 Projected Budget. Funds anticipated to be spent in FY 16/17 were actually spent in FY 15/16.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community - Employee Activity Fund				
Expenditures:				
225-747-740.001	Community Facilities	10,720.00	(3,441.00)	7,279.00
Revenues				
225-000-613.000	Transportation Impact Fees	(500.00)	500.00	-
225-000-664.000	Interest	(50.00)	50.00	-
Fund Balance				
225-000-365.000	Subsequent Prior Year	(10,170.00)	2,891.00	(7,279.00)

To adjust FY 16/17 Budget for expenditure amounts not accounted for in the FY 15/16 Projected Budget. Funds anticipated to be spent in FY 16/17 were actually spent in FY 15/16. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-449 5G. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to introduce Budget Amendment 16/17-14 to adjust the project cost to cover the final streetscape invoice and close out the construction fund.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
DDA-Goddard Road Construction Fund				
Revenue				
405-000-682.000	Goddard Road Reimbursement	-	6,955.00	6,955.00
Expenditures:				
405-295-980.000	Goddard Road Project Cost	12,000.00	31,872.00	43,872.00
Fund Balance				
405-000-390.000	Goddard Rd Constr Fund Bal	36,916.59	(24,917.00)	11,999.59

To adjust the project cost to cover the final streetscape invoice and close out the construction fund.
16-450 5H. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to introduce Budget Amendment 16/17-15 to recognize available CDBG program income funds that must be used toward approved projects.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
CDBG _ Comm Development Block Grant	**Revenues**	252-000-683.000	Program Income	-
5,000.00	5,000.00	**Expenditures:**	252-000-844.000	Program Income
-	14,710.00	14,710.00		
Fund Balance	252-000-390.000	CDBG Fund Balance	14,585.00	(9,710.00)
4,875.00				

To recognize available CDBG program income funds that must be used toward approved projects. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment:
Jeff DuPilka, President of West Shore Fire, Inc. spoke about the rental of Fire Station #1.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 7, 2016.

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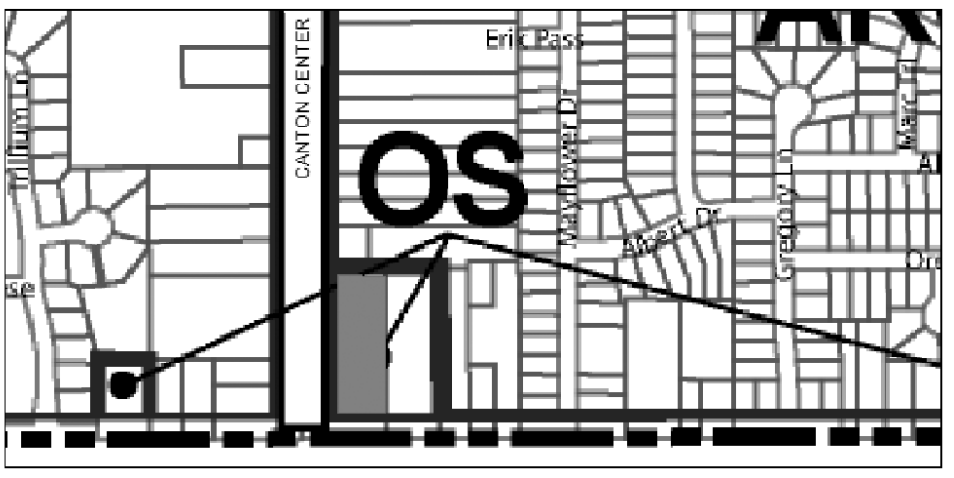
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM:	OS, Office Service District
REZONE TO:	R-1, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, December 14, 2016
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received a proposed petition to rezone Tax ID No. R-78-058-99-0004-000 from **OS, Office Service District** to **R-1, Single Family Residential District.** The property is located north of Joy Road, west of Sheldon Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, and east of Canton Center Road.

Application: 2223-1116 **Applicant:** Modern Method Construction



PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FROM: OS to R-1

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 020
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-058-99-0004-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the proposed map amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings, upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Wayne - Westland

Wayne OK's 2nd marijuana dispensary plan

Wayne City Council members recently approved the site plan for a second medical marijuana dispensary in the community.

The proposed dispensary will be located in an existing vacant home which will be moved to a new foundation on a vacant lot on Van Born Road. The site is close to the area where paving on Van Born Road ends and the surface becomes gravel.

The 1,274-square-foot home will be renovated to become handicapped accessible, according to the site plans.

According to Wayne City Clerk/Planner Matthew Miller, the marijuana dispensary is a permitted use in the city. Such businesses are not allowed to be within 1,000 feet of a school, day care, church or any residence according to Wayne city ordinances. The site plan presented to the members of the city council for approval was within all local restrictions and specifications.

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The site plan was presented by Scott Gocaj of U.S. 12 Bar on Michigan Avenue.

Miller told the city council members that the city would probably not have more than three medical marijuana dispensaries within the borders because of the added restriction requiring them to be more than 1,000 feet from one another. There is already one dispensary located near the UAW Local 900 Hall.

Additional city permits from the city will be required for construction and utility permits at the site as construction continues, including police monitoring of the dispensary once operational, Miller told the council members.

Westland seeks recreation board applicants

The City of Westland is seeking applicants to fill the slate of vacant positions on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council is a seven-member board appointed by the mayor with confirmation by members of the city council. The advisory council members review plans and specifications for work in city parks and volunteers for programs provided by the city recreation department. The board members also advise the administration on parks and recreation strategies, according to a prepared release from the office of Mayor William Wild.

Meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at city hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

"I am encouraging all interested residents to apply as they will work with our new Parks and Recreation Director LaTricia Gunnells on improving the city's parks and recreation opportunities," commented Wild.

The primary purpose of the advisory council is to provide advice from a citizen perspective, according to the statement. The activities of the advisory council may include the study of critical issues, performing independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations. These prepare the advisory body to discuss, analyze, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the administration and the legislative body.

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Interested members must be residents of the City of Westland with an interest in parks and recreation activities. They must be willing to function as part of the advisory team and willing and available to attend monthly meetings.

Applicants should be willing to support the mission and goals of the group and should be familiar with various aspects of recreation and fundraising, which may include having established relationships with funding partners such as community foundations, corporations, individual donors or preparation of funding applications.

Anyone interested in applying to be a member, should visit www.cityofwestland.com to complete the application and submit it along with an updated resume. Applications can be mailed to City of Westland, Westland Parks and Recreation, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185

Applications can also be emailed to parks@cityofwestland.com with the subject line PRAC Application.

Computer education contract OK'd at Barns center

Members of the Westland City Council have approved a $38,000 contract with Quadrant 2 Education (Q2E) for the continued management of the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center Learning Center. Funding for this partnership is provided by a Michigan State Police JAG Grant.

Quadrant 2 Education provides programming and teachers for the Learning Center at the Norwayne facility. During the first year of the program, more than 100 students, ages 9-18 attended computer science-related activities taught by Quadrant 2. Classes began with computer coding and have advanced to using devises such as robots, drones and white boards. Students are creating games and websites.

"Having Quadrant 2 as a managing partner has been enriching for many students who have utilized the learning center," commented Westland Mayor William Wild. "One student started the program with a 1.5 grade point average. After working with the Q2E teachers, her grade point is greatly improved and she is a mentor for younger students."

During the 2016-17 school year and summer, Q2E will continue to guide the students as they pursue their interests in the computer science field. The program will also continue to provide tutoring in all subjects. All students, ages 10 - 18 are welcome to participate in the Learning Center. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, contact the Learning Center at: sean@quadrant2coaching.com or call (734) 595-0288.

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1. Obituaries

Gary E. Avery

Gary E. Avery, age 72, Belleville area resident since 1986, passed away Friday, Nov.18 at Cedar Woods, Belleville. He was born Jan. 29, 1944 in Wayne, the son of the late Edmund and June (Vangeeson) Avery.

Mr. Avery graduated from Romulus High School and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Air National Guard for more than 20 years and was on their bowling league. He retired from Ford Motor Co. after 30 years of loyal service at Detroit Metro Airport in Air Transportation.

He was a member of the former Trinity Reformed Church and a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934 for many years. He loved spending time there with friends. He was a former member of the Van Buren Eagles, Huron Valley Conservation Association, and the Romulus VFW.

Mr. Avery is survived by daughter, Mary Ellen Avery of Indiana; a son, Ed (Tina) Avery of Sumpter Township; three grandchildren, Rodney, Christina and Lance Avery; a sister, Doris (Harry) Smith of Georgia; two nephews, Jeff and Keith Smith; a brother-in-law Lee (Wilma) Bechtol of Florida; many friends and his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ellen (Bechtol) Avery, on April 24, 2006.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, with a 7 p.m. Loyal Order of the Moose Service.

Visitation will also be at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, all at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Funeral services for Mr. Avery will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions may be made to Mr. Avery's family and would be appreciated. Please sign his online guest book and share a story for his family to treasure.

For more information, call (734) 697-4500.

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HOLIDAY help needed

With the holiday season fast approaching, the shelves at Romulus Helping Hands are all but bare.

Councilman Harry Crout pointed out recently that the community food pantry is in need of donations to help needy families throughout the city.

"If you look in to your refrigerator and see food, you're blessed," he said. "A lot of people aren't that blessed. They need help."

He asked Romulus officials and the community at large to donate to the organization, which is located at 37510 West Huron Dr. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It serves Romulus residents only who are referred there either by a social worker, teacher, minister or other authority figure and has provided that help for decades.

For more information or to donate, call (734) 941-5323.

Canton - Northville

Public input sought on police evaluation

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive next Monday, Nov. 28, to examine all aspects of the Canton Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services and will include public input in the evaluation.

The assessors are tasked with reviewing and gathering information to be taken back to the commissioners, who will then determine if the Canton Police Department has met the standards necessary to be awarded the highly-prized re-accreditation for delivery of law enforcement excellence.

Canton Police Department was originally awarded recognition in 2007, and has maintained accreditation every three years since then.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the township board meeting room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Canton.

If an individual cannot attend the public information session but would like to provide a comment, he/she may do so by calling the assessors on the same day, between the hours of 10 a.m. - noon, at (734) 394-5409.

All comments in person or by phone are limited to 10 minutes, and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the CALEA standards can be obtained from Canton Police Department CALEA Program Manager, Lt. Craig Wilsher at (734) 394-5420 or cwilsher@canton-mi.org.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Canton Police Department ability to meet the standards for re-accreditation may send them to: CALEA, 13575 Heathcoat Blvd., Suite 320, Gainsville, Virginia, 20155.

The team of assessors assigned to Canton are experienced law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. In addition to accepting public comments, the assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit on- and off-site offices and locations where compliance can be witnessed.

Assessors this year include: Assistant Chief Eric Kerns, Burlington, NC Police Department (team leader) and Ofc. Brent Grammel, Union Township, OH Police Department.

For more information regarding the Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., visit www.calea.org.

Accidental meeting

Imagine the surprise of Donna Slemp last Thursday morning when after hearing a loud noise she opened her front door to find a car about 7 feet from the entry-way to her home. Slemp and her family have lived on Canton Center Road between Joy and Ann Arbor for more than 23 years and have been wary of speeding motorists for most of that time on their unpaved section of the roadway. Slemp said that a lot of people fly down the road at excessive speed but this is the first time she remembers a car actually going airborne. The motorist, who lost control of the car and reportedly stepped on the gas rather than the brake, went into the air, and destroyed the Slemp family mailbox before coming to rest in the front yard, upside down. Slemp said the area is particularly dangerous as the road is located between the high school, an elementary school and a middle school. “We've asked the township for more signage or control of speeders,” she said, “and the neighbors call the police all the time.” There were no injuries reported in the accident.

Goodfellow donations accepted

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to help make things brighter for needy families in the Canton community during the upcoming holiday season with the No Child Without a Christmas campaign.

Donations of new and unwrapped toys will be collected through Dec. 5, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway and the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Any individual or family that would like to adopt a child or a family this Christmas, should contact the Canton Goodfellows at cantongoodfellows @gmail.com. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Northville wins finance award

They plan to go for five in a row.

For the fourth consecutive year, Northville Township has earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The announcement of the award was made by Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand at a regular meeting of the board members last month. She said that of 1,800 participating communities in the state, only 67 have earned the award this year. “I couldn't be prouder,” she said at the meeting.

Assistant Township Manager Debra Wilhelm presented a plaque to Finance Director Marina Neumaier and Treasurer Marjorie Banner at the meeting.

Supervisor Robert Nix said the award was a tribute to the financial workings of the township, “Four years in a row. Let's go for five.”

The award program is run by the Government Finance Officers Association, whose mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management. To earn the award, a community's reports are reviewed by a committee that includes independent auditors, academics and finance professionals. Awards are given to state and local governments that demonstrate the “spirit of transparency and full disclosure,” according to the association website.

Landfill warehouse destroyed in 4-alarm fire on Sunday

The Northville Fire Department provided mutual aid to Salem Township and five other area fire departments in response to a four-alarm fire Sunday afternoon at the Great Lakes Recycling facility located near the Arbor Hills Landfill.

Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott said the first alarm came in about 4 p.m. and his crews responded with one truck and five firefighters to the outbuilding at 10833 Five Mile in Salem Township. The facility, closed on Sundays, is one of six operated by Great Lakes and processed recycled paper, cardboard and plastics according to information on the website.

Heavy black smoke was seen coming from the sheet metal structure when the first call came in to the Salem Township Fire Department in Washtenaw County, Ott said.

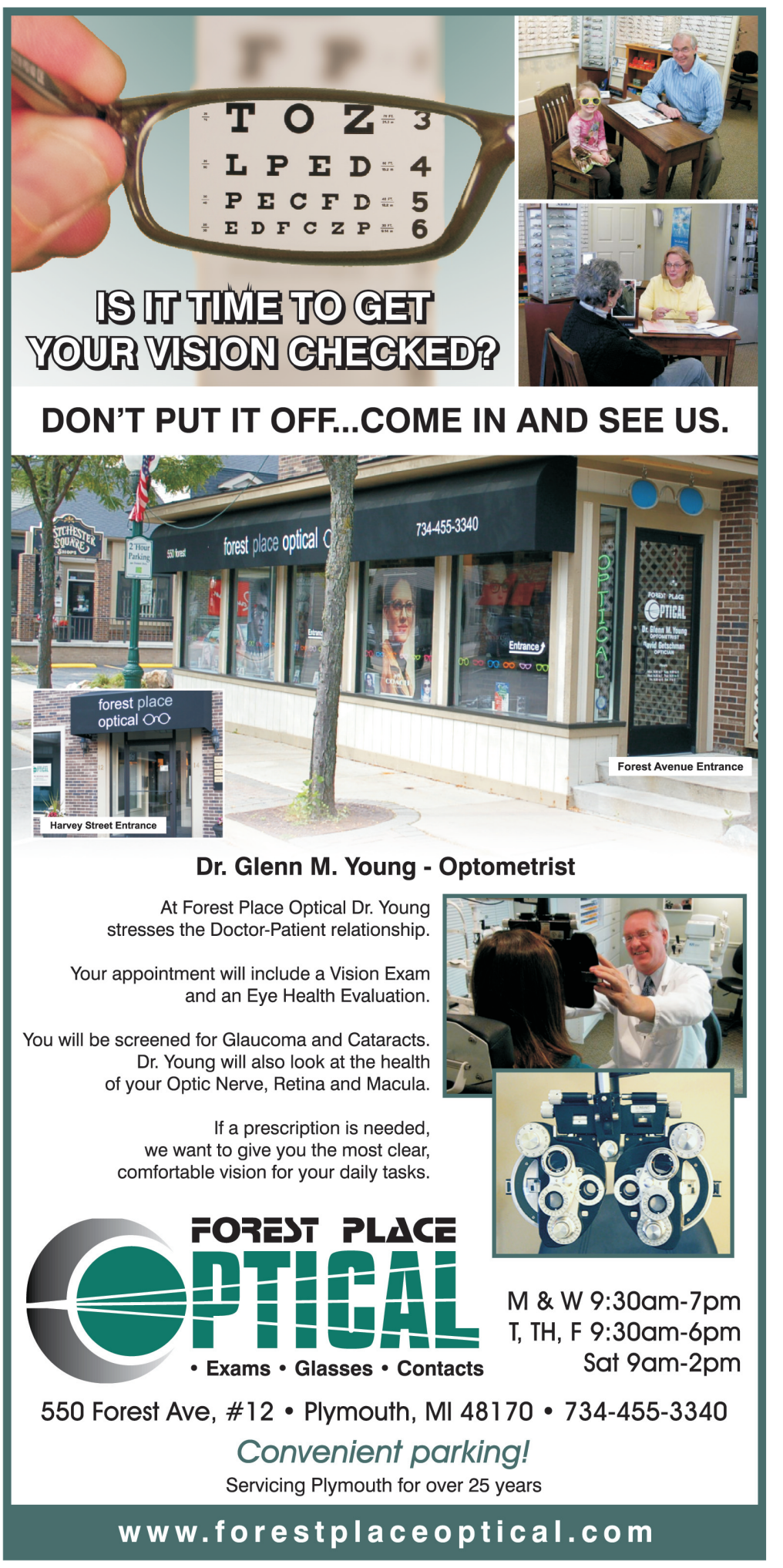
Because there are no fire hydrants in Salem Township, fire officials sought permission to hook up to nearby Northville Township fire hydrants according to Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth and Fire Chief Brent Siegel, but did not request mutual aid from the fire department located on Six Mile Road. Ott said they had to establish a tanker shuttle and 2000-gallon tanker trucks continuously filled the fire engine pumpers working at the scene.

In addition to Northville City Fire Department, Salem Township, Lyon Township, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, Pittsfiled Township and Canton Township provided mutual aid at the blaze.

Ott said he was not yet aware of any probable cause and there were no reported injuries.

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix was at the scene of the fire. The landfill was not affected by the fire.

Photos by Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Candy Corn Contest continues

Those 18 and younger have until Nov. 30 to guess how many candy corn pieces are in the jar at the Romulus Public Library.

There will be only one winner who will take home the jar and the candy by guessing closest to the exact number of candies in the container. If more than one entry has the correct number, library staff members will randomly select a winner from those entries.

The winner will be contacted the first week of December and will have one week to collect the prize.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Family Story Time continues

Family Story Time continues at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 29.

Story Time includes different aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) depending on the weekly theme.

The Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romlus.lib.mi.us.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, Mi 48174.

Later nominations will not be considered. A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Winter clothing collected

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting from Thursday, Nov. 24 through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Turkey Trot takes off

Work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services 14th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause on Thursday, Nov. 24.

All ages are encouraged to join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in this chip-timed 5K event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending.

For registration or information, call Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

Free holiday meal served

For the fifth year, the members of Living By Faith Church in Romulus will serve free Thanksgiving dinners.

The traditional dinner with turkey and stuffing along with side dishes will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at the church, 7066 Waynecorse Road. The dinner is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about the event, call (734) 776-5431.

Anime Club meets

The Romulus Public Library Anime Club meets from 3:30-4:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month to enjoy refreshments, a craft, movies and discussions of Manga and Anime. Cosplay is welcome.

The final meeting of the month is planned for Nov. 30.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Knitting session offered.

The Belleville Area District Library will host an arm-knitting class at 7 p.m. Dec. 1.

Participants will learn to make a chunky cowl or scarf without knitting needles. The library will provide the yarn for the free program.

Registration is requested at the library, located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Candy Cane contest begins

The Romulus Public Library will begin accepting entries in the Candy Cane Counting Contest beginning Dec. 1. Entries will be accepted through Dec. 30 from those 18 and younger who must guess the number of candy canes in the jar. There will be one winner who guesses the total number of canes in the jar. In case of a tie, the library staff will choose a random winner to be announced Jan. 2.

The library is located as 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Teddy Bear Toss planned

USA Hockey and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for the annual Teddy Bear Toss at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Simply bring a new stuffed animal, or buy a teddy bear at the game, to throw on the ice when Team USA scores their first goal. All proceeds and stuffed animals go to Plymouth Community United Way.

Show your stuffed animal at the game and receive a raffle ticket to win a suite for a future 2016-17 home game. The prize includes 20 suite tickets and $100 food voucher.

To purchase tickets call the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734)453-8400 or online at usahockeyntdp.com.

Wayne to light tree

The City of Wayne official Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Wayne Historical Museum. Visits with Santa will be available.

Volunteers are needed to help welcome guests and act as Santa's helpers. Volunteers will also read short holiday stories to children visiting the museum.

The Museum Store is now open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursdays for holiday shopping. Several history books are now in stock including The History of The Wayne Fire Department by Richard Story.

For more information or to volunteer, call (313) 605 0821.

Breakfast With Santa returns

Bring the entire family to the Summit on the Park to enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3

During the breakfast, kids can share their wish list with Santa, create a winter craft, and enjoy a Christmas story time. All children will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and place-mat. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park during normal business hours through Dec. 1. Ticket prices for ages 3 and younger are $4.25 for Canton residents and $5.25 non-residents; 4-12 year olds are $15.25 for residents and $18.25 for non-residents; ages 13 and up are $19.25 for residents and $23.25 for non-residents. Seating is reserved by table location only on a first-come, first-serve basis. For additional information, call (734) 394-5460.

Christmas Party date set

The Inkster Commission on Aging will host the annual Christmas Party of seniors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at the Dozier Recreation Complex.

Tickets, priced at $8 for members and $10 for non-members must be purchased in advance and are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call (313) 561-2382.

Gingerbread House craft offered

The Romulus Public Library will help those 3 and older to make a gingerbread house to celebrate the holiday at 6 p.m. on both Dec. 5 and again Dec. 6.

Sign up for the craft is required at the front desk as space is limited.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information, call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Library offers computer classes

Computer classes will be offered at the Belleville Area District Library.

Microsoft Word: Basics and Beyond for users who have some experience with creating documents, but would like to learn more will be offered at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 This is a good class for those who want to learn how to spruce up a basic resume.

Computer Basics, for learners with little or no previous experience with computers, will take place at 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Dec. 7.

Introduction to the Internet class requires some basic mouse and keyboard skills. This class takes place at 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Dec. 12.

Registration for classes is now open. Interested participants must register in person at the library and provide a $5 cash deposit for each class they plan to attend; deposits are returned when students attend the class.

Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville, MI 48111 For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

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